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1. SOON AFTER RECEIPT OF YOUR 13 MAY MESSAGE, IN ANOTHER

CHANNEL, ² [REDACTED] CONTACTED MR. PICKERING, WENT TO DEPARTMENT ON 13 MAY AND CAREFULLY REVIEWED FINAL VERSION OF BACK-UP MATERIAL FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S 14 MAY APPEARANCE BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. THIS MATERIAL, ESPECIALLY BACK UP DETAIL ON CHAU AFFAIR, WAS FIRST RATE AND CAUSED US NO PROBLEMS AT ALL. PICKERING AND ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS INVOLVED EXPRESSED THANKS AND HIGH PRAISE FOR THIS BACK UP MATERIAL, WHICH PICKERING MADE POINT OF NOTING WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY STATION'S WORK. WELL DONE.

2. AMBASSADOR BUNKER CAME TO HQS 12 MAY FOR BRIEF

SESSION WITH ³ [REDACTED]

FOLLOWED BY HOUR LONG SEMINAR TYPE DISCUSSION IN ⁴ [REDACTED]

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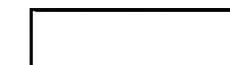
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WITH THE "VIETNAM BRETHREN." SEMINAR WAS IN TURN FOLLOWED
BY PRIVATE SESSION WITH ⁵ ² IN LATTER'S OFFICE. 25X1
WHOLE VISIT (OF ALMOST TWO HOUR DURATION) WENT EXTREMELY
WELL. AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAD NOTHING BUT GOOD WORDS TO SAY
ABOUT QUALITY OF WORK DONE BY AND STRONG SUPPORT HE
RECEIVED FROM YOU AND THE STATION. IN ALL THREE SESSIONS HE
EXPRESSED HIGH PRAISE FOR STATION COLLECTIVELY AND YOU
PERSONALLY. AGAIN, WELL DONE.

3. DURING FINAL PRIVATE SESSION, ⁵ ³
BRIEFED AMBASSADOR ON SUBSTANCE OF

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WE ALSO GAVE

HIM GIST OF MAJOR ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED IN SAIGON

IN HANDLING LATTER, WE ENDEAVORED TO PRO-
TECT YOUR FLANK BY EXPLAINING CLEARLY THE WASHINGTON
DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAD LED US TO REQUEST THESE ACTION
RECOMMENDATIONS PLUS THE FACT THAT HIS ABSENCE HAD

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TO [OBVIOUSLY PRECLUDED YOUR TOUCHING BASE WITH HIM IN ANY WAY
BEFORE RESPONDING TO YOUR HQS DIRECTIVE. AMBASSADOR BUNKER
TOOK ALL THIS WITH RELAXED GOOD GRACE. HE CONSIDERED YOUR
ACTION SUGGESTIONS GOOD ONES AND HAD IN FACT IMPLICITLY
MADE SOME OF THEM HIMSELF IN THE SESSION IN [] OFFICE AND 25X1
DURING THE SEMINAR WITH THE BRETHREN. WE DID NOT SHOW
AMBASSADOR BUNKER ACTUAL TEXT OF ANY OF THESE THREE MESSAGES
BUT FACT OF THEIR TRANSMISSION WILL NOT BE NEWS TO HIM WHEN
HE RETURNS TO SAIGON. WE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU FURTHER
ON YOUR ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE
PACKAGE WAS VERY HELPFUL AND JUST WHAT WE NEEDED.

END OF MESSAGE

CS Comments: *An appraisal of the internal unrest in Vietnam.

**Station's recommendations to improve the stability of the GVN.

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George A. Carver, Jr.
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